Tools and initiatives

of the partners in the European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign to support the implementation of the Aalborg Commitments

AC 1 & 2: Aalborg Commitments' cycle and management

Local Sustainability is an Internet portal to provide a platform from which local governments can easily access the wealth of resources available to them in developing, implementing, and monitoring policies in support of local sustainable development (www.localsustainability.eu).

Local Evaluation 21 is an **on-line monitoring and evaluation tool** for local authorities to self-assess their local processes for sustainable development (www.localevaluation21.org).

Local Targets 21 contains a user-friendly on-line tool about **locally-relevant sustainability targets for local authorities across Europe.** It allows self-assessment of progress of urban sustainable development (www.localtargets21.org).

Local Resources 21 is a **web-based Toolkit that provides guidance** to support and assist potential and current Aalborg Commitments signatories to make efficient and effective progress (www.localresources21.org).

The Fano Guidelines 'Building Capacity for Local Sustainability' are a set of requirements against which local governments can **assess and improve their institutional capacity** for effectively managing local sustainability processes (www.localcapacity21.org).

Managing Urban Europe-25 (MUE-25) is developing **a model for an integrated management system** for urban areas combining the best parts of existing environmental management systems, and supporting the introduction of social and economic aspects (www.mue25.net).

The SUSTAINMENT project develops **a manual for creating local Sustainability Management Centres** with the aim of increasing the synergy in the sustainability field (www.sustainment-project.net).

The **Urban Environmental Management Training Resource Kit** offers local authorities a systematic approach to integrate environmental considerations into all aspects of their activities (www.unep.or.jp/ietc/announcements/emskit_launch.asp).

The NEST project has streamlined and simplified EMAS for small and under resourced local governments and produced a **guidebook for EMAS implementation** and a series of guidance documents for implementing best practices in seven thematic areas (www.emasnetwork.org).

*eco*BUDGET is an environmental management system used as an **instrument for implementing environmental budgeting** at the local level. The *eco*BUDGET provides a systematic process of creating a budget for natural resources and environmental quality, which is to be approved by the council and implemented during the budget period (www.ecobudget.org).

The EnviPlans project supports conception, exchange and implementation of **Urban Environmental Management Plans** in the South European area (www.a21italy.it/a21italy/enviplans/home.htm).

Liveable Cities project develops an integrated **Model Plan for Sustainable Urban Management** that will support local authorities in the development of individual Sustainability Urban Management Plans (www.eurocities.org/liveablecities/index.php).

AC 3 & 4: natural resources, efficiency and life style

The RUSE project aims to **improve the use of Structural Funds** and other financial resource for sustainable energy issues relevant to municipalities in the New Member States and Candidate countries through a good practices database, information services etc. (www.ruse-europe.org).

BELIEF promotes the **Sustainable Energy Communities** concept on the European scale, setting up Local Intelligent Energy Forums in 20 communities from 11 European countries, including representatives from New Member States and Candidate Countries (www.belief-europe.org/).

The European Display™ Campaign is a voluntary scheme encouraging local governments to publicly **display the energy and environmental performances of their public buildings** using the same energy label that is used for household appliances. The Campaign is based on an online tool that enables local governments to calculate energy, water and CO_2 consumption of their buildings to rank buildings (from A to G) and display results within public buildings using the Display label (www.display-campaign.org).

The DEEP tools have been designed to develop an energy efficiency procurement policy. The tools are used to implement the policy across an organisation, establish Life Cycle Costing and train procurement staff in its application, access current performance and identify some **low cost energy efficiency measures** (www.iclei-europe.org/deep).

The PRIME project provides support for **financing participatory sustainable energy projects in public buildings**; both on energy efficiency and renewable energy (www.prime-ecopower.net).

COGEN Challenge aims at enhancing **local and regional capacity for successful development of small-scale and micro-cogeneration projects** up to an electrical capacity of 1 megawatt (www.cogen-challenge.org).

"IMAGINE" is an international exhibition for the general public with 15 outstanding examples of intelligent energy management within our European territories. The objective of the exhibition is to launch an exchange on inventing an energy future for European communities by 2030. (www.imagineyourenergyfuture.eu)

The **"towards 100 kg less municipal waste" Campaign** aims at assessing the potential of waste prevention initiatives to reduce the amount of waste collected and managed by local or regional governments (either in Kg, volume or number of units) and the associated costs for public authorities (www.acrplus.org/-100kg).

"Guidelines for municipal solid waste management in the Mediterranean Area" provides an introductory framework for municipal responsibles on solid waste management (www.medcities.net)

A guide titled "Towards Sustainable Plastic Construction and Demolition Waste Management in Europe" (www.acrplus.org/project-APPRICOD).

The LEAP project promotes green procurement while respecting Community competition rules. An **on-line toolkit for green procurement** has been prepared with guidelines on best practices, a review of green procurement, and support for joint procurement (www.leap-gpp-toolkit.org).

Procura+ Sustainable Procurement Campaign provides practical advices on how to integrate sustainability into procurement, information on the cost of sustainable procurement, a model for implementing sustainable procurement, purchasing criteria for buses, cleaning products, electricity, food, IT products and building construction/renovation which can be inserted directly into tendering and a simple approach to monitoring performance (www.procuraplus.org).

The **Buy Fair Guide** introduces Fair Trade, gives advice on minimising legal uncertainties in procurement, and provides examples of tender documents. The guide is available for download in English and German (www.iclei-europe.org/buyfair).

The **Buying Bright Guide** gives the energy profile for a range of common street and office lamps to help public procurement professionals make an informed decision while purchasing lighting (www.buybright.elcfed.org).

AC 5, 6 & 7: Planning, mobility and health

Save energy, save money, save the climate – This guide for local and regional governments helps to mainstream energy issues into all local government activities, including planning. The guide is available electronically in English, German and Spanish (www.ccre.org/publications en.htm).

The **SMILE tools** help local authorities cope with the "mobility challenge" through successful and replicable practices, guidance and recommendations (www.smile-europe.org).

The European Mobility Week is a Campaign that aims to facilitate a widespread debate on the necessity for changes in behaviour in relation to mobility and in particular the use of the private car (www.mobilityweek.eu).

The BUSTRIP project supports the **development of transport planning processes**, preparing new sustainable urban transport plans and revising existing plans (www.bustrip-project.net).

The NICHES project develops and encourages further use of **innovative urban transport solutions through guidance and policy recommendations** (www.niches-transport.org; www.osmose-os.org).

The "Villemizero" project aims to **define and test innovative measures and strategies for a public transport management** more effective and respectful of the environment.

The WHO Healthy Cities programme has developed various tools and guidance documents on **tackling urban health** questions (www.euro.who.int/healthy-cities/). These include for example the **Healthy cities indicators** (www.euro.who.int/document/hcp/ehcpquest.pdf) and the **Health Impact Assessment toolkit** (www.euro.who.int/healthy-cities/UHT/20050201_10).

AC 8 & 9: Economic and social aspects of sustainability

The "PPP for Sustainability" project analyses how Public Private Partnerships can be designed in a sustainable way, optimising ecological, economic and social aspects, and provides **Guidelines for PPP sustainability assessment** (www.pppforsustainability.org).

The SIPTRAM project investigates a **municipality subsidies of motorised private transport** and raises awareness about the huge amount of public money that is spent for private transport, which is not always known by the public (www.increase-public-transport.net).

Design-for-all toolkit on accessibility introduces social and **environmental considerations in public contracts on works, services, and supplies.** It helps public authorities meet fundamental accessibility criteria while drafting technical specifications. It also provides training material to be used by professionals in the field such as construction industry, architects and planners (www.build-for-all.net/en/home).

The DISABILITY project promotes the adoption of **integrated action plans** at the local and regional level, taking into account the special needs of disabled people into all relevant policy areas (www.ccre.org/docs/disability_policy_planning_instructions.doc).

The **European charter for equality of women and men in local life** encourages local politicians to implement gender equality measures within local governments. (www.ccre.org/publications_en.htm).

Biofuel Cities provides a networking and information platform for biofuel stakeholders. It integrates European research and pilot application of biofuels for vehicles with a focus on application at the local level (www.biofuelcities.eu).

AC 10: Local to global

CLIMATE COMPASS supports local authorities committed to **climate protection in identifying first tangible measures and in implementing them successfully** in the short term. Climate Compass tools include Recommended Measures, case studies, and other "Resources" of information which will support local authorities in selecting and implementing the various elements of the local climate action programme (www.climate-compass.net).

The AMICA project adopts a **comprehensive approach to climate change;** climate policy should be an optimum blend of short- and long-term preventive and reactive measures, thus reducing future planning risks (www.amica-climate.net).

I, ZOOM is a campaign on Sustainable Mobility and Climate Protection for young children aged 4 to 10 years (www.climatealliance.org).

The Climate Alliance exhibition CLARITY aims to inform young people aged between 12 and 18 about one of the most urgent environmental problems of our times. The exhibition is available in English, German, Italian, Spanish, Basque, Catalan and Slovenian. A French version is currently being prepared (www.climatealliance.org).
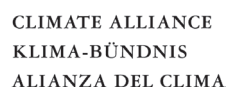
The Cities for Climate Protection Campaign provides **a network and framework for action** - engaging local governments to accelerate the integration of sustainability and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets into their decision-making and implementation processes (www.iclei-europe.org/ccp).

Medcities provides a network supporting decentralized cooperation projects between European and Mediterranean towns on sustainable development strategies and sectorial urban issues such as solid waste, air quality, mobility, and integrated coastal management. (www.medcities.org)

Med'Act supports local authorities and other cities around the Mediterranean who choice the path of sustainable urban development (www.medactenv.org)

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